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SUBJECT: EARLY ELECTIONS? BASESCU CONVENES SENIOR POLITICAL LEADERS

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1.(C) Summary. President Traian Basescu convened senior politicians from both the opposition and governing parties late July 12 to discuss options. President Convenes Key Players

2.(C) President Basescu called a meeting of senior political leaders at 1700 on July 12 to fulfill his constitutional role as "mediator" between the opposition and governing parties.

3.(C) Basescu's intentions for the meeting remain unclear, although Presidential Advisor Bogdan Chiritoiu told PolChief that Basescu was merely trying to calm the opposition. Tariceanu Firm on Resignation, PNL-PD Barges Ahead

4.(C) In an attempt to quell press reports that he was reconsidering his decision to resign, PM Tariceanu's office issued a press release July 12 stating he would remain in office until a new government is formed.

5.(C) Meanwhile, leaders of the National Liberal-Democratic Party (PNL-PD) center-right Alliance are resolved to move ahead with snap elections despite opposition from the PSD.

6.(C) Over the next several days, the government is resolved to pass emergency legislation to reform Romanian electoral law. Proposed changes would allow the government to call snap elections without the approval of the parliament. Who Wants New Elections and Why

7.(C) Influential PNL deputy Cristian Boureanu told PolOff July 12 that until last week many within the PNL's leadership opposed or had major reservations about snap elections.

8.(C) Boureanu confirmed that the PNL and PD have agreed to divide deputies equally between the two parties within a new parliament, observing that the PSD remains "disorganized and divided by internal dissent."

9.(C) Numerous contacts have commented to post that the PSD remains "disorganized and divided by internal dissent." According to media sources, the PSD is not in a position to call snap elections. What about the Hungarians?

10.(C) The ethnic Hungarian party (UDMR) leadership, meanwhile, is debating whether to urge the PNL-PD to move ahead with plans to adopt emergency legislation to call snap elections.

11.(C) Comment. Following an initial flurry of excitement after the government's announced resignation on July 7, the political parties and media have been largely silent.

12.Comment Continued: The UK Ambassador signaled to Charge that while the EU is "not thrilled" with the prospect of new elections, it will "not interfere" with the process.

13.(U) Amembassy Bucharest, reporting telegrams are available on the Bucharest SIPRNET Website: www.state.sgov.gov/p/eur/bucharest
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